

In the Specification

On page 6, please replace the paragraph starting at line 22 with the following replacement paragraph:

Fig. 5 is a cross sectional view illustrating a condition in which the first and second connectors are engaged with each other. The housing main body 11 is inserted into the cooperating housing main body 21 and the connection terminals 12 14 and 22 are engaged with each other to establish the electrical connection. During this engaging operation, the locking arm 4 of the rear holder 1 is resiliently bent downward to pass under the locking portion 23 of the housing main body 21, and then the locking arm 4 is returned into the original posture and the a locking claw 6 at the locking arm 4 is engaged with the locking portion 23 to establish the locking. In this manner, the rear holder 1 and housing main body 21 of the second connector are locked, while the housing main body 11 of the first connector is clamped between the rear holder 1 and the housing main body 21.

On page 7, please replace the paragraph starting on line 9 with the following replacement paragraph:

When it is required to release the locking condition, the lock releasing portion 7 provided at a free end of the locking arm 4 is pushed downward as illustrated in Fig. 6 by a finger to move the locking arm 4 downward and the locking claw 6 is removed from the locking portion 23. Then, the housing main body 11 may be drawn from the housing main body 21.

On page 8, please replace the paragraph starting on line 25 with the following replacement paragraph:

Figs. 12, 13 and 14 are a plan view, front view and an enlarged side view,

respectively showing a rear holder 51 of a third embodiment of the electrical connector according to the invention. At a front end of a rear holder main body 52 of the rear holder 51 there are formed a plurality of clamping lances 53. At a middle upper portion of the rear holder main body 52 there are formed two resilient locking arms 54 which extend forwardly. Locking claws 54 55 are provided at front ends of these locking arms 54, interlocking portions 56 are provided on sides of these locking arms 54, and lock releasing portions 57 are provided on upper surfaces of root portions of these locking arms 54. On both sides of the rear holder main body 52 there are formed completely engaging claws 58, and on top and bottom surfaces of the rear holder main body 52 there are formed preliminarily engaging claws 59.

On page 11, please replace the paragraph starting on line 18 with the following replacement paragraph:

The housing main body 61 of the first connector has been inserted into the housing main body 71 of the cooperating second connector and the connection terminals 67 and 72 have been engaged with each other to establish the electrical connection. During this engaging operation, the locking arms 54 of the rear holder 51 is resiliently bent downward to pass under the locking portions 73 of the housing main body 71, and then the locking arm ~~4-~~ 54 is returned into the original posture and the locking claws 55 at the locking arms 54 are engaged with the locking portions 73 to establish the locking. In this manner, the rear holder ~~4~~ 51 and housing main body ~~21~~ 71 of the second connector are locked with each other effectively.

On page 12, please replace the paragraph starting on line 3 with the following replacement paragraph:

When it is required to release the locking, the lock releasing portion 57 provided on the locking arms 54 are pushed downward by fingers to move the locking arms 54 downward and the locking claws 55 are removed from the locking portions 73. Then, the housing main body ~~51~~ 61 of the first connector may be drawn from the housing

main body 71 of the second connector.